

Meeting Summary:

The Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project hosted its virtual winter community meeting on January 30, 2024. During the meeting, the team provided an overview of the project, updates on construction progress, and a preview of what to expect for the remainder of the year. This Q&A addresses both the questions that were answered during the meeting and those that remain unanswered. A recording of the meeting is available at wmata.com/bladensburgbusgarage.

Project Overview and Updates:

Q: Is the boiler room meant to heat water and air for the building?

A: Yes, the building will use the boiler for access to hot water and to warm air.

Q: Has Metro shared with the community what elements will be on the rooftop?

A: Yes, an update on the mechanical roof top equipment was provided in the [Fall 2023 community meeting presentation](#).

Q: What is a Variable Air Volume (VAV) unit, and how does it work?

A: VAV units are typically small and placed above the ceiling at the end of the main duct run to distribute air into offices. The rooftop equipment heats the air, but it loses temperature as it travels through the ductwork. The air passes through the VAV, where heated coils restore it to the desired temperature.

Q: Since Bladensburg will open with a mixed fleet, is the garage being built to contain fumes from the buses that are not zero-emissions?

A: Yes. The garage design will include exhaust hose reels, which attach to the back of the bus and directs exhaust away from vehicles.